

Washington C.H. Industrial Payroll about \$63,000 a Week

Variety Marks Products And Size of Factories

Although Washington C. H. is usually thought of as a marketing and trading center in the heart of a rich agricultural section, it can lay claim to being somewhat of an industrial center, too.

There are facts and figures to back up both—that gives the city the good balance its loyal boosters like to claim for it.

Because there are no really big industries, few realize that the city's industrial payroll amounts to something like \$63,000 a week—that adds up to more than \$3,270,000 a year.

These figures were assembled by the Chamber of Commerce along with some other vital industrial statistics.

In the city's composite industrial picture, are 17 major industries. They are familiar to most, but just for the record they are: Armo Drainage & Metal Products Co.; Brown & Brockmeyer; Willis Lumber Co.; Coffman Stair Co.; Webber C. French Mfg. Co.; P. Hagerty Shoe Co.; Jackson Glove Co.; Morton Show Case, Inc.; National Cash Register Co.; Cudahy Packing Co.; Pennington Brothers, Inc.; Washington Mfg. Co.; Washington Mortuary Supply Co.; Whitfield Mfg. Co.; M. Hamm Fertilizer Co.; Garringer Mfg. Co. and Williams Lumber Co.

Job Provided for 1050

These 17 industries, some fairly large and some small, provide jobs and a source of income for an estimated 1,050 employees, most of them heads of families.

Diversity is not only one of the keystones of the city's industry, but also is considered one of the greatest factors in its stability as a source of employment and income for the people.

Among the principal products turned out here are metal buildings and metal road culverts; electric motors; hardwood lumber; staircase; dairy products (cheese, butter and ice cream); feed lot equipment; women's shoes; gloves in a wide assortment; show cases and dry kilned lumber; paper rolls for office equipment; bread and a variety of baked goods; hospital and ambulance supplies; fertilizer; precision parts for jet engines and radar; special boxes and custom built wood crates.

Carrying out what they are convinced is the will of the people who call Washington C. H. their home and merchants and professional people who make their living here, the Chamber of Commerce has followed a policy that would maintain the diversity of products and more smaller plants rather than few big industries.

Of the 17 major industries located here, six are branches of big and long-established companies. The rest are what are commonly classed as home-owned.

Opportunity Provided

These industries are not only largely responsible for the growth of Washington C. H. in the last ten years, but also have been providing opportunity for the youth of the community to get into the business of making a living right at home.

Evidence of the city's growth, which is credited to its slow but steady industrial development, are the 70 new homes that have been built in just the last 12 months, the scarcity of rental property and the conversion of many homes into apartments.

New homes have mushroomed in four sections of the city—(three of them in Sunnyside). Besides, many vacant lots of a few months ago on the old streets now have new homes on them.

The Chamber of Commerce has had as one of its cardinal principles a helping hand to all established Washington C. H. industries whenever it is needed.

Coupled with this is the program of industrial expansion along the lines of diversity of product and size plant.

New Industry a Year

In the five years since the old Business & Civic Association became the Chamber of Commerce, it has a record of helping one industry a year locate in Washington C. H.

There was the Garringer Mfg. Co., set up here in 1949. It outgrew its little shop down at Staunton where it was founded in 1946

and the Chamber helped James Garringer, the headman, find a location on Lewis Street right at the city limits. Now the paint is turning out precision parts for jet plane engines and radar, all a part of the defense program and under security wraps as to detail.

First, however, in 1947, came the Brown & Brockmeyer Co., manufacturer of small electric motors in its plant in Millwood. Then, in order the National Cash Register plant on South Fayette Street which processes all sizes of rolls of paper for use on its office equipment; the Armo Drainage & Metal Products plant on South Fayette Street that turns out metal buildings and huge metal road culverts and last the Williams Lumber Co., with its plant just south of the Armo factory, to turn out custom-built wooden crates.

These five account for just about half of the industrial 1,050 jobs in the city and the \$63,000-a-week payroll.

Most of the employees have come from within the city, many of them young people not long out of school. They have gone into both the production end of the industries in the plants and into the offices.

What Industry Means

What these new industries have meant to the city and its people is shown by just one concrete illustration: One of them (unidentified by the C of C) has brought 12 new families to the city and a check showed that its employees had bought 12 new cars in the last year.

If any of the established industries want to expand, they can count on the helping hand of the Chamber of Commerce. That is the word of Joe Peters, the C of C president and manager of the NCR plant, and C. E. McCarty, the executive secretary.

The \$3,000,000-plus payroll from the city's major industries, eventually trickles down to nearly every home in the city. For it is spent with the grocer, drycleaner, dairy, bank, service station, hardware stores, beauty shops, insurance agencies, utilities, professional people, restaurants, home builders, landlords, hospital, department stores, physicians and automobile agencies, drug stores, just to mention a few.

The two biggest industries are Armo and NCR. They are side by side and have almost identical payrolls, both as to size and number of employees. While company officials are close-mouthed about the future, the talk persists that expansion is a definite possibility for either or both. Plants of each are located on 23-acre tracts which leave room for growth.

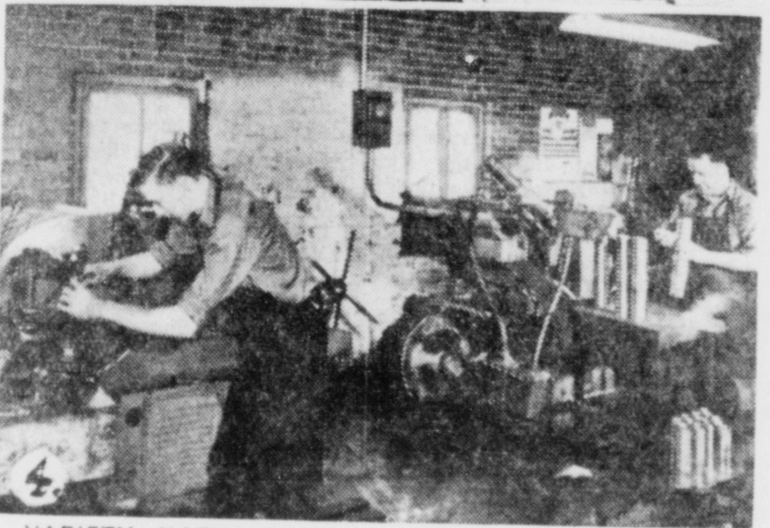
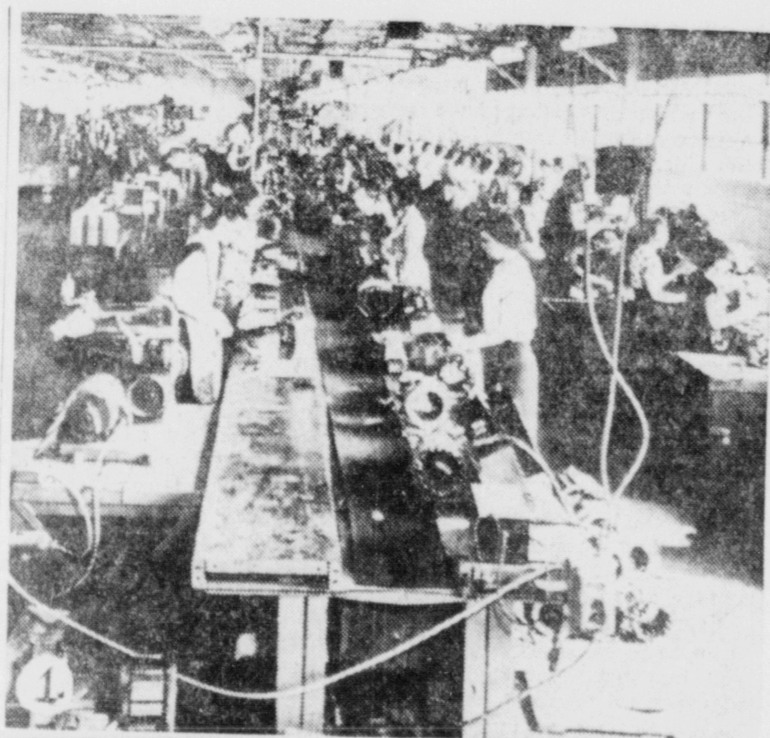
American Travel To Israel Grows

TEL AVIV, Israel — (AP) — A sharp upswing in the volume of American travel to Israel is reported by the American Express office which opened here a year ago.

In 1949, there were 22,000 tourists. Last year 33,000 visitors arrived. This year promises to break that record.

One of the principal appeals of Israel is the Holy Land. But visitors also have an opportunity to observe here the day-by-day progress being made by the world's newest republic. The Negev area, for example, was a desert wasteland, populated by wandering Bedouins, a few years ago; but today, because of the government's land reclamation program, it is a fertile agricultural area dotted by communal farm settlements.

The odor of a skunk often can be detected at distances of more than a mile.



VARIETY MARKS the industrial output of Washington C. H. The last five plants to locate here underscore that. Small electric motors are turned out at the Brown-Brockmeyer plant (PHOTO NO. 1) in Millwood. At the other extreme, is the new Armo Drainage & Metal Products plant (PHOTO NO. 2) which fabricates huge steel culverts and steel buildings. Crates, tailor made to specifications, are made by the Williams Lumber Co. plant (PHOTO NO. 3), virtually all of which at present go to Armo. Precision parts for jet plane engines and radar are contributed to the country's defenses by the Garringer Manufacturing Co. plant (PHOTO NO. 4) on Lewis Street. It located here when it outgrew its little shop in Staunton. Rolls of paper of all sizes for office equipment roll out of the National Cash Register Co. branch (PHOTO NO. 5) and go all over the world. In these five industries, with the diversity of product and size, approximately 500 men and women find employment. Their combined payroll is around \$30,000 a week.

Old Frontier Days In Latin America

LOS ANGELES — (AP) — Colonization in Latin America has brought back conditions somewhat similar to those on the old American frontier, says Dr. Henry J. Bruman of the University of California.

Dr. Bruman saw the problems of South and Central America frontiers in 1944-45 when he spent a year studying them in Brazil. Now he is leaving on another trip which will take him to several countries, but he will spend eight months of his sabbatical leave in Brazil.

He says the new pioneers cannot be as self-sufficient as the types on the vanished U. S. frontiers and they now have to have a salable commodity and access to a market.

Cheating on Fares

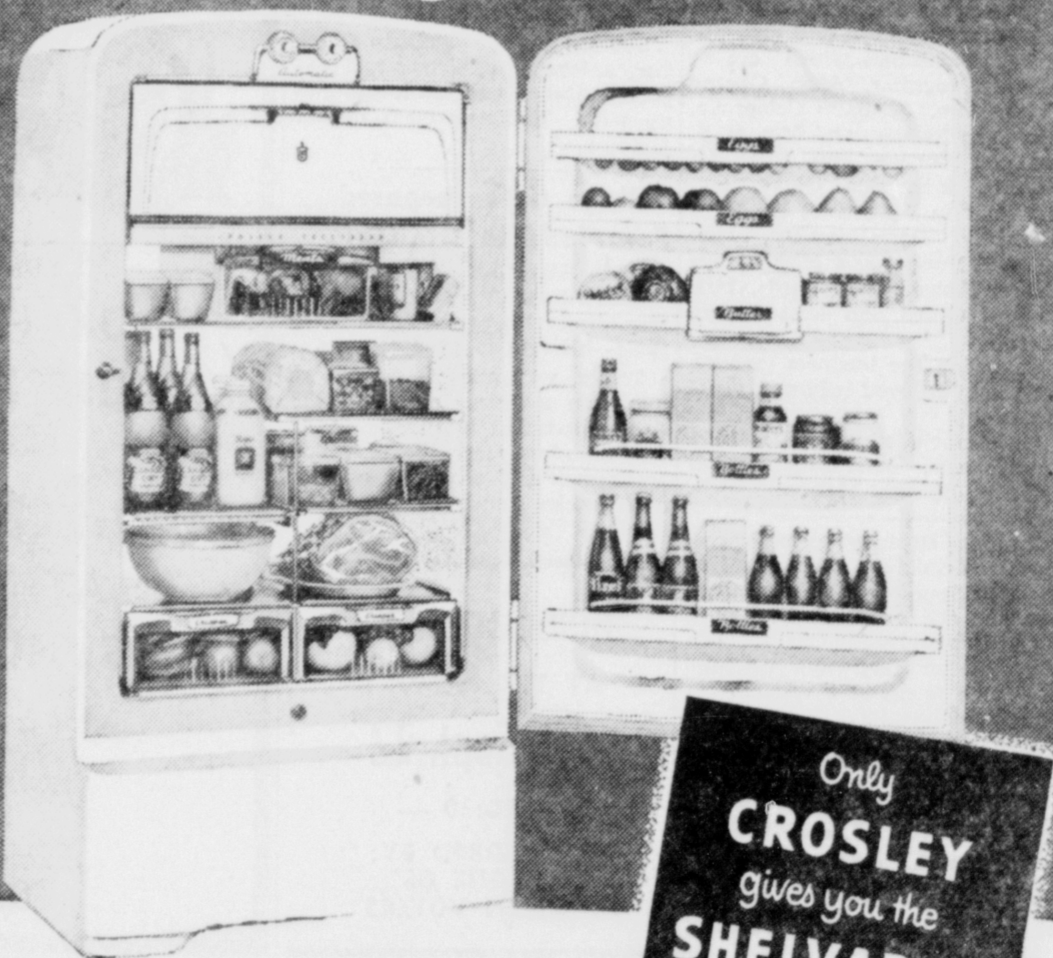
MONTREAL — (AP) — A useful maxim for tramway employees given here by Ivan Sheehan, director of investigation for the Montreal Transportation Commission, is "be polite to everybody but trust nobody." He said 171 persons were brought to court last year for failing to pay their fares, and all were convicted except two.

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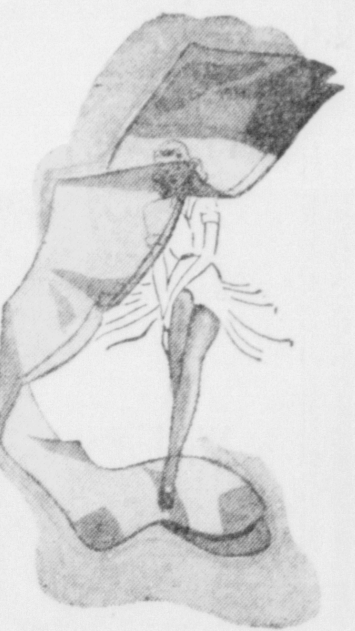
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